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THEREOF

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith together with a copy of a Supplementary European Search Report and an English translation of the Written Opinion for counterpart European Application No. EP PCT/JP2004/018184 wherein the listed document was cited.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and therefore no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

It is noted that the second document, (e.g., OTZEN, D. et al), cited in the Supplementary European Search Report as well as the eight documents cited in the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority were all previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 7, 2007, and thus are not being submitted again.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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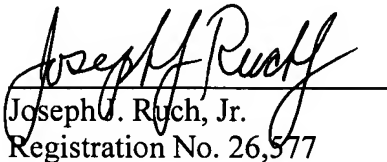
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